

Panel discussion

Internationalization and recognition “Agencies and Networking”

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Three points

“the point of view of a European partner”

- **HEIs autonomy and HE national policies**
 - [National quality assurance systems](#)
 - [Collective responsibility](#)
- **Independent National QA agencies**
 - National dialogue on quality
 - Participation to the international debate and networking
- **QA and recognition**
 - Transparency
 - Trust

Thank you for your attention

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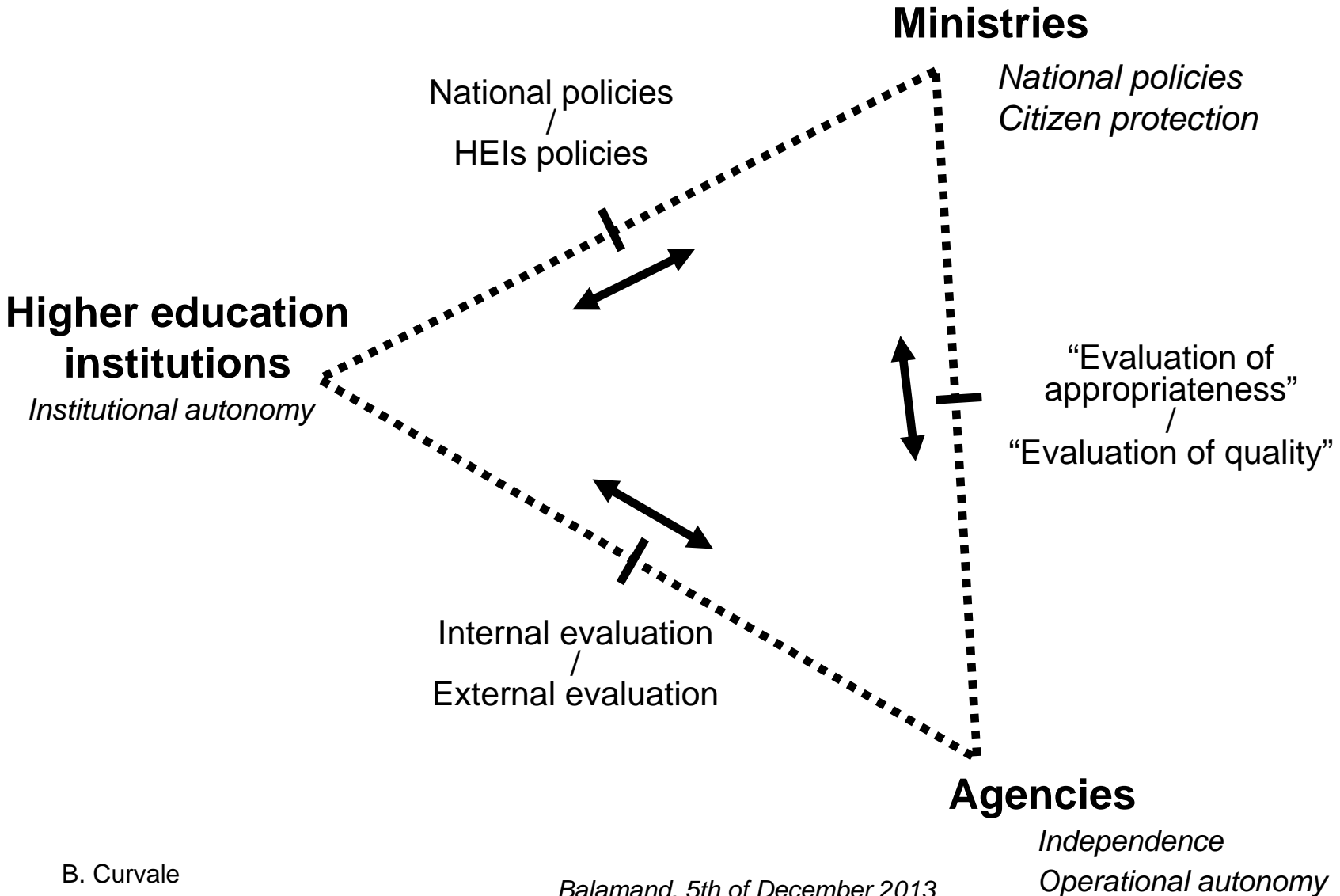
The Ministers of the Bologna process countries...

they [the Ministers] agree that by 2005 national quality assurance systems should include:

- A definition of the responsibilities of the bodies and institutions involved.
- Evaluation of programmes or institutions, including internal assessment, external review, participation of students and the publication of results.
- A system of accreditation, certification or comparable procedures.
- International participation, co-operation and networking.

Extract of the Berlin Communiqué 19th of September 2003

Higher education governance and national QA systems



The European parliament and the council of the European Union...

Hereby recommend that member States:

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4. Enable higher education institutions active within their territory to choose among quality assurance or accreditation agencies in the European register an agency which meets their needs and profile, provided that this is compatible with their national legislation or permitted by their national authorities

5. Allow higher education institutions to work towards a complementary assessment by another agency in the European Register, for example to enhance their international reputation.

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Extract of the Recommendation of 15 February 2006 on further cooperation in QA in HE (Reco. 2006-143-CE)